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Elba High teacher Al Gilmore named Alabama DAR Outstanding Teacher of American History

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School history teacher Al Gilmore last week was named Alabama's DAR [Daughters of the American Revolution] Outstanding Teacher of American History for 2023.

Previously, Gilmore was selected by the local John Coffee DAR Chapter as its Outstanding Teacher of American History, and Nell Gilmer, John Coffee DAR historian, submitted Gilmore's credentials to State DAR Historian Susan Moore for consideration at the state level. He was chosen as the state's outstanding teacher of American history.

Gilmore received the state award last Friday, March 3, during the 125th State DAR Conference, which was held in Auburn, Ala.

"A lot of people think coaches only care about coaching, but Al has always had a passion for history and cares about molding students into better people who can use what they learn from him to make a future for themselves," said Gilmore's wife, Jenny, who attended the conference with her husband to see him accept the prestigious award. "Sometimes it's in the classroom, and sometimes it's on a ball field; but more often than not, it's him showing his kids through his actions and words that he believes in them and truly cares about them and their future."

Gilmore graduated from Troy University with a degree in social science and a minor in political science. He has been a teacher now for 16 years with his last five years being a history teacher at Elba High School. He also serves as a coach at Elba High School.

His father, Lyon Gilmore, was a teacher

and administrator in the country and the world," Gilmore said. "They taught me that looking into the past can help shape the future."

Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes said the school is extremely proud of Coach Gilmore in being named the Outstanding

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Elba High School history teacher Al Gilmore (center) is pictured with DAR State Historian Susan Moore (left) and DAR State Regent Patrice Donnelly (right) during last Friday's State DAR Conference. Gilmore was named the state's Outstanding Teacher of American History at the event, and was presented with a certificate and \$500 from Alabama DAR.



Spring Forward One Hour...



Zion Chapel's Padgett/Young sign with Troy University's Bass Fishing Team

by Cliff Lusk, TROY

Troy University's Bass Fishing Team has signed three high school fishermen to its ranks.

Signing with the team before a crowd of about 100 were Avery Padgett, of Elba, Ethan Young, of Jack - both from Zion Chapel High School - and Kasen Pemberton of Chipley, Fla.

The trio will join current team members next year in traveling across the country, fishing in up to 20 collegiate bass tournaments. Those tournaments, head coach Evan Rice said, can consist of up to 550 collegiate anglers representing

as many as 200 universities and colleges on the Association of Collegiate Anglers' Bass Pro Shops Collegiate Bass Fishing Series, where the team currently holds the 88th place.

"These young men will be competing against some serious competition in college, but they're really good anglers, and can always work with the current team members who already have tournament experience," Rice said. "I can't wait to see what they do on the water."

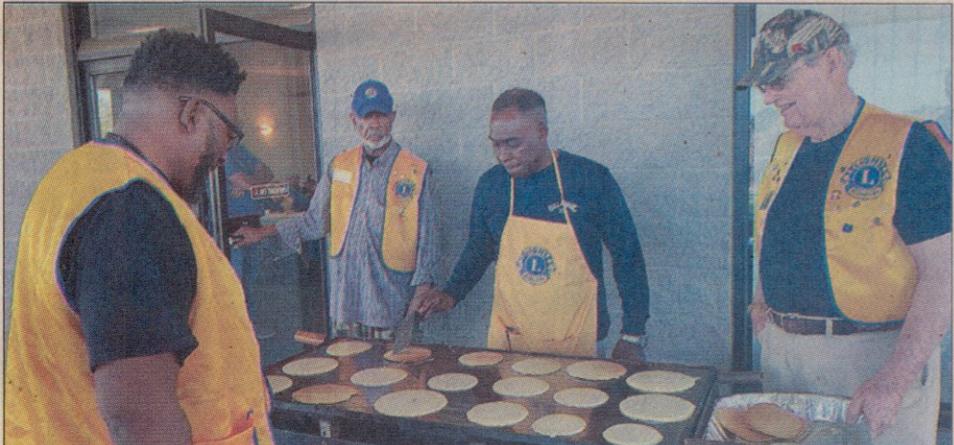
The TROY fishing team started about 2010, but the team has undergone tremendous growth over the



Zion Chapel's Ethan Young and Avery Padgett (left) and Kasen Pemberton (right) of Chipley, Fla. inked their intent Monday evening, Feb. 27, to join the Troy University Bass Fishing Team in the fall.

past two years, a trend Rice looks to continue.

"TROY was a pretty easy



ELBA LIONS CLUB SERVES UP PANCAKES...The first Saturday in Elba means breakfast is served each year as the Elba Lions Club hosts its annual "Pancake Day" fundraiser. This year's event was well attended and kept the Lions Club members busy preparing pancakes and sausage throughout the four-hour event. This Elba tradition has been going on for over 70 years, and the support of the event helps with funding for local sight projects with eye exams and glasses, the Alabama Lion Sight Conservation, the Lions Club International Foundation, Camp Seale Harris, Southeast Leader Dog School, and the American Diabetes Association.



WRECK CAUSES ROAD CLOSURE FOR SEVERAL HOURS...The single-vehicle wreck last Wednesday morning, March 1, of the commercial vehicle pictured above caused both lanes of Alabama Highway 189 near the 23-mile marker in Coffee County to be closed for several hours that day. The wreck occurred at approximately 6:59 a.m., and it was late Wednesday afternoon before the road was reopened. The driver of the truck, a 36-year-old male, was transported from the scene to an area hospital where he received treatment for injuries, including a severe head laceration. Chickens were being transported by the commercial vehicle at the time of the wreck. It was investigated by Alabama State Troopers.

New Brockton Town Council votes to hire new lawyer

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Following an approximate 15-minute executive session Monday night, March 6, the New Brockton Town Council voted to hire a new attorney for the town.

Late last year, attorney Joshua Pipkin resigned as the town's attorney following a resignation from Kathy Holley as mayor. Since that time, the town council had been searching to replace Pipkin.

Monday night, council members voted to enter an executive session to discuss candidates for the job. Upon returning to open session, a motion was made to hire the Shirley Law Firm - Merrill and Griffin Shirley - to represent the Town of New Brockton.

This motion passed by

unanimous vote.

Since the start of the new year, Ralph Medley was appointed to fill the mayor's seat vacated after Medley moved to the mayor's post.



SWINGER WINS RUMBLE ON THE RIVER BATTLE ROYALE...IMPACT! Wrestling superstar Johnny Swinger was among the professional wrestlers in Elba last Friday, March 3, for the 2nd Annual Rumble on the River event. Those in attendance were entertained with a Lucha Libre match, an 8-man battle royale, and more. 73-year-old "Action" Mike Jackson defended his U.S. Junior Title in a win over Brock Garvin, and Swinger got lots of cheers with his signature move the "swinging neckbreaker" in a special event match over the Mercenary (shown above). This fundraiser helps raise monies each year for the Elba High School football program.

Area Happenings

The Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee will host a Forestry Landowner Tour this Friday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon at Ted Vignola's property, located at 2045 County Rd. 364, Elba. There will be tour stops for pond management, drones in forestry, hog management, and tree varieties. To register, call the Coffee County Extension Office at (334) 894-5596.

The Elba Public Library will host an Author Visit and Book Talk with Jeffrey K. Smith, author of *A Pea River Prodigy*, on Friday, March 17, at 2 p.m., in the Charlotte Clark Community Room at the library, located at 406 Simmons St., Elba. The event also will include a visit to the Birthplace of Jim Folsom, a historic landmark located on Putnam Street in Elba. This event is open to all.

Elba Elementary School Kindergarten Registration will be Thursday, March 23, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.; and Friday, March 24, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Registration will be held in the EES Conference Room. Parents/Guardians should bring the child's birth certificate, shot record, Social Security card, parent/guardian identification, and proof of residency.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life". - Mark Twain

Book reading is a favorite in this corner and always has been. It bodes well with the aging process . . . as long as the eyes continue to function. We are still in the Abe Lincoln book by Jon Meacham, but are being pressed to 'hurry'. A local avid book reader dropped by last week with a sack of great books for us to review/read. A couple we had already read, but the others are screaming "read me, read me." A hundred dollar bill (and we do like money) would not have excited us as much as these books!

Sometime last year we received a box of fine books from the family of the late Supreme Court Justice Hugh Maddox. Our ties with Judge Maddox go way back to our school days at CCHS in Flora and it humbled us that family members would turn loose such treasures to - 'us'.

Last week the students at the Elba schools were entertained by a Montgomery school choir, which has long blossomed under the guidance of Elba native Dr. Henry Terry. The performance was a tribute to Black History Month. Having known Henry since his local school days and followed his progress through the years, we continue to be amazed at his mastery of music, and particularly the piano. Even better is to realize how he has so effectively passed that love of music and developed the talents of an untold number of Montgomery high school students over the past 30 years. During the music program at the school, our mind wandered a bit. Watching those students and thinking of how easy it would be for any one of them to be running around Montgomery fighting, robbing and killing others, we uttered a short prayer of THANKS. Dr. Terry, we salute you!

It amazed us that almost 40 students/teachers at Elba High School donated a pint of blood to help the bloodmobile. They are to be congratulated. Just think how many sick folks that will help and during our teen years we were not allowed to donate blood!

The Better Business Bureau issued a report this week urging citizens to watch for scams, both on the phone and more particularly on social media. They noted a jump from 12% to 39% in text message scams in the past year. That is just in the reported cases. It doesn't count those people who were too embarrassed to report the loss, nor those text messages sent out that were wisely ignored by the receiver. Of course the scammers usually want your credit card number, or even more brazen an electric transfer of funds. Employment scams lead the list as 'most risky' for the 18-34 age group. Online purchase scams are the most popular for the 35-64 age group while home improvement scams lead the list for the over 65 age group.

Elba's rumored new program (industry, retail business, whatever), only referred to with a code word, known only to a close knit few will be publically known - we think - next week with an announcement in The Elba Clipper. Phone conversations with a person who declined to say who she was representing indicated we would get information to put in the newspaper no later than next Monday. Stay tuned for 'the rest of the story'!

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, and Monday, March 6, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Traffic accident reported at 74 County Rd 263 (1:57 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1013 Hickman Ave (2:16 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 1950 Reese Ave (5:25 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one citation given.

Wednesday, Mar. 1 - Suspicious vehicle reported at 1118 Caroline St (5:50 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 189 N (6:49 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1131 Reese Ave (8:01 a.m.); Theft by deception reported at 402 Collier St (1:43 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Lee St (6:30 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one citation and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Mar. 2 - Theft of property reported at 1265 Highland Dr (11:01 a.m.); Report of shots fired

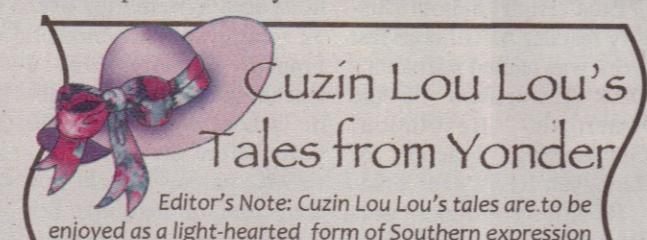
at 1620 Boswell St (11:37 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Old Samson Rd (1:58 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Johnson St/Woodline area (7:18 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 971 Smith Ave (9:38 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one advice given.

Friday, Mar. 3 - Animal complaint reported at 969 Smith Ave (8:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (8:20 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Factory Ave w/impound (9:01 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 624 Lee St (12:59 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1237 Jones Circle (5:26 p.m.); Theft by deception reported at 997 Hwy 203 (5:48 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 656 Reynolds Ave (8:28 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 969 Smith Ave (8:32 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1131 Guyton St - w/an arrest (8:19 a.m.); Harassing communications reported at .631 Reynolds Ave (6:24 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84

One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Saturday, Mar. 4 - Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Neil Grantham Dr (4:14 p.m.); Abandoned vehicle reported at 911 Farris Ave (11:47 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in three written warnings.

Sunday, Mar. 5 - Harassment reported at 1111 Deal St (8:07 a.m.); Harassment reported at 1131 Guyton St - w/an arrest (4:26 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Powell Trailer Park on Caroline St (8:41 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1131 Guyton St (10:48 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one investigative stop, one verbal warning, and one no action taken.



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou achieved a "first" last weekend...she fried catfish fillets for the first time!

A friend of the Yonder Gang delivered a mess of fresh, already cleaned and filleted, catfish earlier in the week. He said he knew Papa would enjoy the fish and wanted to share them with the gang.

Lou Lou has never been one to eat fish or seafood. The long story made short is that she had an allergic reaction as a young child to what was believed at the time to have been caused by fish. Years later, it was concluded that the reaction was probably not caused by fish after all, but the damage was done already...Lou Lou had no taste for it.

Over the past few years, she has tried a time or two to "taste-test" samplings of fish and/or seafood to see if her palate had changed. There have been some okay results, but for the most part, Lou Lou continues to

not care for the taste of fish nor seafood.

Sister, on the other hand,

will eat fish occasionally, but she is very, very picky as to what she will and will not eat. It has to be prepared "just right" for her liking to get her to eat it.

Taking this into consider-

ation, Lou Lou still wanted

Papa to be able to enjoy

the catfish shared with the

Yonder Gang, but she did

not want to waste it either.

So, she invited some family

members over for lunch last

Saturday, and prepared a

meal of fried catfish fillets,

cole slaw, and French fries.

Leading up to the meal

preparations, Lou Lou did

a little research on the best

way to prepare the fried

catfish, and she made sure

to have the appropriate

ingredients. She also got

the "smell-good" candles

going in the house to help

cover that fishy smell that

goes along with the prepara-

tions!

Several had offered

advice to Lou Lou on the

cooking process, and she

found that the tip of check-

ing the fish for flakiness to

ensure it was well done was

probably the best tip she

received. Otherwise, Lou

Lou is not sure if she would

have known when to take

the pieces of fish out of the

fryer!

As the group sat down

together to eat the pre-

pared food, there were

affirmations of "this is real-

ly good" that helped Lou

Lou's feelings! After the

meal, there were only a few

pieces of fish left uneaten

so that to let Lou Lou know

that she had hit the success

mark with frying catfish fil-

lets!

Papa thoroughly enjoyed

the meal, and Lou Lou

decided that made it all

worthwhile. However, she

is hoping he doesn't expect

another round of catfish

frying anytime soon. That

was work and nerve-rack-

ing for Lou Lou!

There are those who

wondered what Lou Lou

and Sister ate instead of the

fish for the meal, and the

answer is simple...CHICKEN!

The Yonder Gang thanks

their friend for supplying

them with the fish for the

meal, especially Papa! He

ate his portion and then

some! If Lou Lou is not

careful, she will spoil the

old guy, and he will start

expecting that kind of treat-

ment more often. We can't

let that happen!!

Until next time...God

Bless and Keep Smiling!

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BRIAN ATWELL

Mr. Brian Atwell, age 27, a resident of Brundidge, Ala., died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at his residence.



He was born April 12, 1995 in Pike County, Ala.

Skeen Funeral Home will be assisting the Atwell family with a simple cremation. The guest book may be signed and words of condolences expressed at www.skeenfuneralhome.com.

Survivors include his parents: Ronnie and Cindy Atwell, Brundidge; brothers: Ron Atwell Jr., Jeremy Hughes, and Brandon Atwell; sisters: Justine Haas and Shelby Atwell; grandmother: Edith Bryan; aunt and uncle: Phyllis and Ricky Barlow.

HERMAN WADE GIBSON

Mr. Herman Wade Gibson, age 71, a resident of Dothan, Ala., died Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at his residence.

Wade was born Jan. 4, 1952 in Troy, Ala. to the late Christopher and Mollie Richardson Gibson.

He loved all things outdoors and model airplanes. When he wasn't outdoors, he enjoyed going to Country's BBQ in Columbus, Ga. and traveling to Mobile to visit the Battleship.

Wade attended Crossroads Baptist Church. A celebration of life service was held Friday, March 3, 2023, at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel in Dothan with Brother Doug McCormack officiating and Gail Welch and Joyce Lee speaking. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Park. Survivors include his sisters: Joyce Lee, Gail Welch, Faye Clark, and Cathy Williams; and several nieces and nephews.

JACKIE RIALS

Mrs. Jackie Rials, age 72, of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Monday, March 6, 2023, surrounded by her family.



Jackie was born Sept. 21, 1950 to the late Harold and Frances Adkison. She attended nursing school and worked caring for others. She loved gardening, cooking, fishing, reading, the mountains and spending time with her grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Sorrells Funeral Home & Crematory in Enterprise, Ala., with Reverend Jack Chancey officiating. Burial followed at Meadowlawn Cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home directing. The family received friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, beginning at 1 p.m.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years: Jackson Rials, Coffee Springs; four daughters: Shannon (John) Wolfe, Enterprise, Symantha Smith, and Wendy (Joseph) Donofrio, both of Troy, Ala.; Stephanie (Nicholas) Wright, Samson, Ala.; seven grandchildren: Lauren, Emma Catherine, Caleb, Tucker, Cailey, Sawyer, and Sophia; one sister: Debbie (Gary) Whately, Grand Ridge Fla.; along with several nieces and nephews.



THOMAS H. (TOM) MOATES II

ALLIE WAYNE WEBBER

Mr. Thomas H. (Tom) Moates II, age 78, of Enterprise, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Tom was a lifetime resident of Enterprise, son of the late Thomas H. Moates Sr. and Anne Moates. He was a graduate of Auburn University and invested 37 years in the lives of young people through teaching, coaching, and administration.

A lifetime member of First Baptist Church, Enterprise, he faithfully served as a deacon, director, and Sunday School teacher and served in many other capacities.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 2, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Enterprise Fellowship Hall, with Rev. Steve Watson and Dr. Ben Bowden officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, Ala., with Searcy Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 361767, Birmingham, AL 35236; or to the charity of your choice.

Tom was preceded in death by an infant son, Patrick Carol Moates; a sister, Mary Joines; a and a brother, John Moates.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years: Carolyn Marler Moates, Enterprise; two sons: Thomas H. "Pat" Moates III (Kim), Enterprise, and Samuel Carol Moates (Brook), Opelika, Ala.; six grandchildren: Harris, Mason, Morgan, Marlee, all of Enterprise, Carlie and Luke, both of Opelika; his father-in-law: Carol Marler Sr., Elba; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon has his first tooth and I guess that means before long he can put up the bottle and start eating real food. The little man had been in a bad mood for a few weeks as the tooth prepared to make its appearance, and I know his Mom and Dad hope now that he has survived the first one maybe the rest will come in without so much noise.

For what it is worth....

*** *I was disappointed last week* that the Elba Lady Tigers lost in the semifinals of the state basketball tournament, not because I was disappointed they didn't bring home a state championship, but mostly disappointed for the girls on the team that worked so hard for so long and played as hard as they could play only to come up two wins short. The Elba team was very young and inexperienced back when the season tipped off and basically had only two starters back from a year ago in sophomore A'Lyric Whitfield and junior Kendra Juarez, but over the course of the season other girls stepped up to the challenge and bought into a system that was simple – play hard for all thirty-two minutes and never back down. As the final seconds ticked off the clock Monday last Monday morning up in Birmingham, the Lady Tigers had a freshman, three sophomores and a junior on the court battling against the defending state champions. They were still young, but were no longer inexperienced, and you can bet the next time they take the court they will remember the experience of playing at the state tournament, and practice and play just a little bit harder. The foundation was set a few years back for a successful girls' basketball program at Elba High and the building process is definitely still taking place. Elba Lady Tigers – we are all proud of you!

*** *The high school baseball and softball seasons* are finally in full swing and it looks like another fun season for all the teams in the area. In baseball, the Elba Tigers are still hunting for their first win as they try to find a stopper to give them some much needed help out of the bullpen as they have given up over 14 runs a game in the first five games, while New Brockton has struggled at times early in what was expected to be a banner year, Zion Chapel overcame a slow start to knock off SA Charles Henderson and should be ready to roll, Kinston is also off to a slow start in what Bulldog fans thought would be a winning campaign, and Brantley finally got started and despite an early loss should be just fine. Over in softball, the Elba Lady Tigers finally opened their season led by a quartet of basketball standouts, Kinston is off to a fast start and may be a surprise team to keep an eye on, New Brockton is off to an unusually slow start and is looking for an answer to its struggles, Zion Chapel appears to be a team to beat in the 2A ranks, and Brantley won a bunch of games in a tourney in Wetumpka before falling in the finals and is no doubt a 1A power, once again.

*** *The college basketball season* has reached the beginning of 'March Madness' and it looks like both Alabama and Auburn should be taking part in the dance. The Crimson Tide is all of the sudden everybody's bad boy after a regrettable incident on campus that left a student deceased after being shot with a gun belonging to a former player, and while everyone should care more about the family of the deceased student than Bama basketball, the incident has obviously affected the team. Auburn is a team that has double-digit losses, but is still a team that no one wants to play because of its hard-nosed style on defense and its aggressive nature. I am a Bama fan, but would not be surprised if the Tigers outlast the Tide once the dance starts.

*** *In closing....* The fishing has really picked up at the Coffee County Lake and the fish are beginning to bite anything that hits the water. A nine-pound bass was caught last week from the bank, while two ladies left the pond with ten bass, a couple of catfish and more bream than they wanted to clean. Yep, it is time to head out to the 'county pond' and get some fresh air while enjoying fishing.

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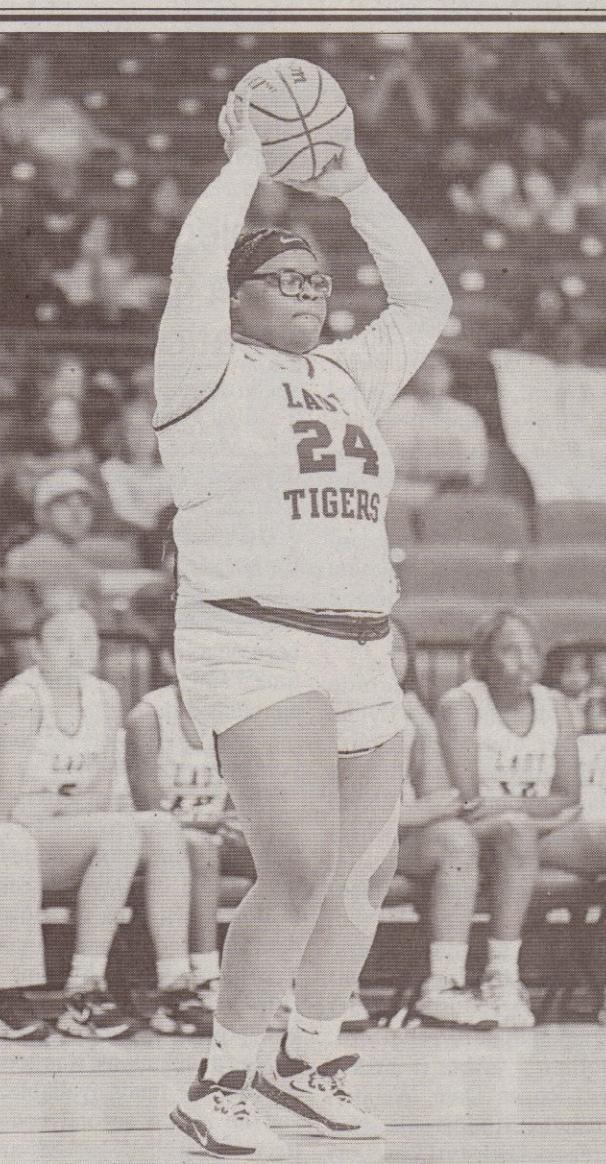
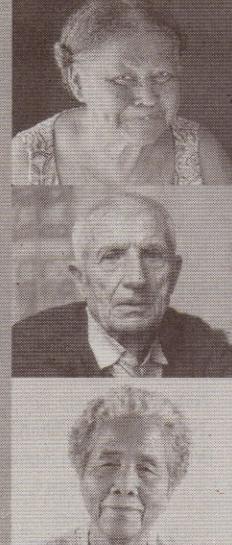
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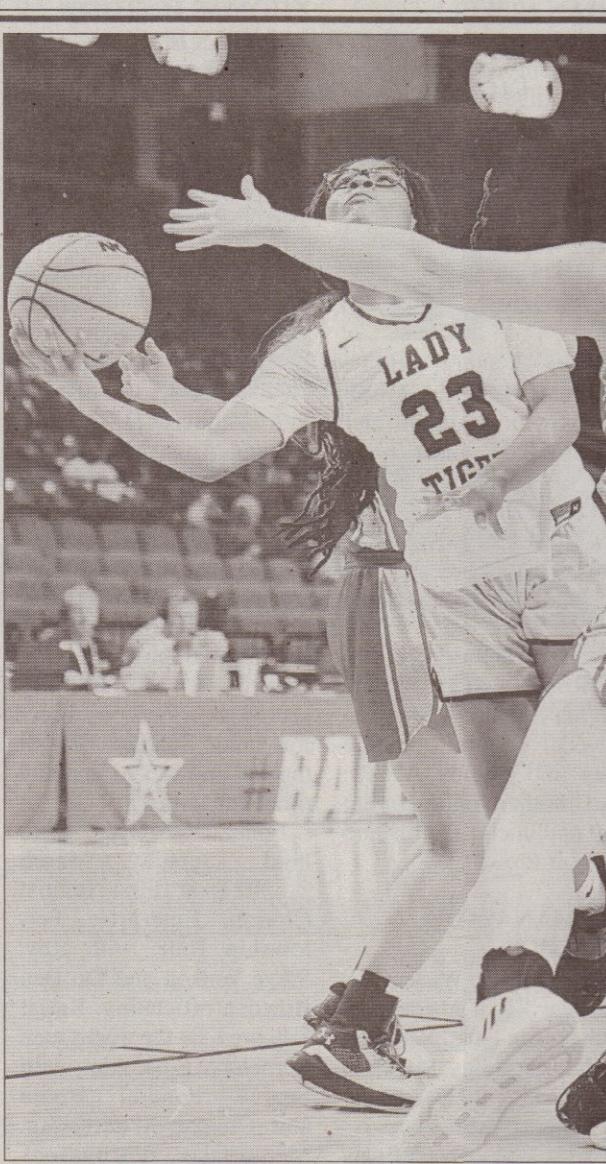
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Elba Lady Tiger Yada Caldwell (24) saw her high school career end last week at the 'Final Four' in Birmingham.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba Lady Tiger freshman Ny'Asia McCollough (23) scores on an underhand scoop to spark a rally in last week's 1A semifinal clash.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Late rally falls short

Lady Tigers fall in 'Final Four'

The Elba Lady Tigers trailed for over 29 minutes in last week's 32-minute Class 1A semi-final clash with the defending state champion Marion County Red Raiders, but never quit battling and saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall short in a heartbreaking 68-61 loss.

Elba led early 3-2 after a three-point basket by A'Lyric Whitfield and again at 5-4 with 5:08 left

in the first quarter after a basket by Kendra Juarez, but never led again in a game of swings that saw the Lady Tigers keep battling back from behind.

Ana Caldwell scored from inside to pull Elba even at 10-10 with 1:59 remaining in the stanza; however, Marion County scored the final ten points of the opening quarter and the first five of the second quarter to open up a 25-10 advantage with 7:29 left in the quarter.

Marion County quickly regained command early in the fourth quarter and owned a 59-45 lead with 6:43 left on the clock, but the Lady Tigers again refused to quit and led by the play of McCollough and Whitfield answered with a 9-2 rally to pull within 53-45 heading into the final stanza.

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A'Lyric Whitfield scored 23 points to lead Elba, while Ny'Asia McCollough added 11 points and 3 steals, Kendra Juarez added 9 points and 8 rebounds, Ana Caldwell added 8 points and 6 rebounds, and Tajah Purvis, Yada Caldwell, Brooke Tinsley, Ayrika Caldwell and Alayvia Stinson all added 2 points.

Marion County came out on fire in the third quarter and used a 13-0 run to stretch its lead to 42-24 with 5:16 left in the stanza. The Red Raiders took their biggest lead of the game at 48-28 with 3:38 remaining in the quarter and it appeared the defending

team champs were ready to run Elba out of the gym. However, two free throws by Brooke Tinsley slowed down the runaway Raiders, and sparked by the play of freshman Ny'Asia McCollough and Kendra Juarez, the Lady Tigers closed the stanza with a 9-2 rally to pull within 53-45 heading into the final stanza.

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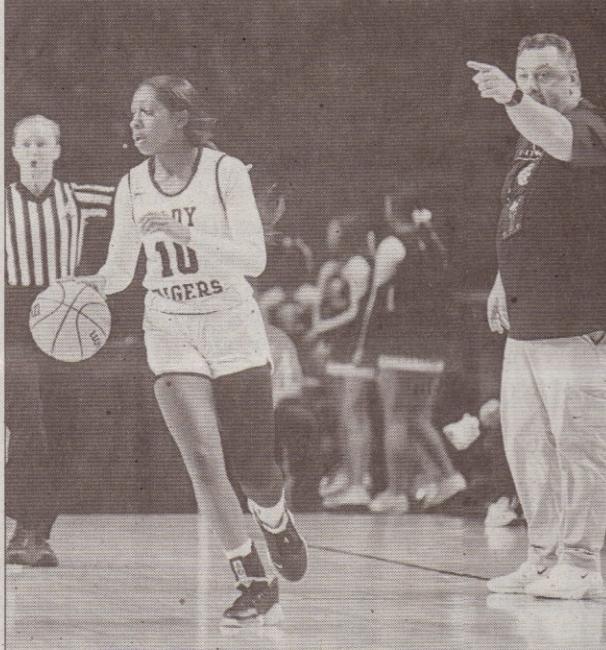
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The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never threatened in a 14-1 homefield loss to Geneva. JT Coleman had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Tigers, while Collin Arnold and Brady Johnson both added 1 hit. Three Elba pitchers combined to toss five innings and allowed 12 earned runs on 14 hits and 7 walks.

Carroll 15 Elba 3
The Elba Tigers saw an early 1-0 lead vanish in a 15-3 loss to Carroll. Kaleb Mitchell had 2 hits to lead Elba, while Ty Sieving, Cameron Gray and JT Coleman all added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Collin Arnold added 1 hit and 1 RBI. Three Elba pitchers combined to allow 5 earned runs on 6 hits and 6 walks.

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Elba Lady Tiger A'Lyric Whitfield (10) dribbles up court as Coach Shaun Hammonds shouts instructions to his team.

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Elba Lady Tigers drop softball opener to Northside Methodist

The Elba Lady Tigers traveled to Dothan Friday night for a JV-Varsity double-header with Northside Methodist and failed to bring home a win as the junior varsity dropped a 7-3 decision and the varsity suffered a 7-0 loss.

In the JV game, the Lady Tigers fell behind 7-0 in the second inning and saw a late rally fall short. Hillary Hudson had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI to lead Elba, while Taylor Day and Channon Hooks both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jadyn Caldwell and

Zaniyah Mitchell combined to pitch four innings and allowed 8 hits and 2 walks, while recording 4 strikeouts.

In the varsity game, the Lady Tigers stranded six runners on base and allowed 5 unearned runs in the loss. Destinee Tidwell, Ana Caldwell and A'Lyric Whitfield all had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate. Ayrika Caldwell was the hard luck loser in the circle as she allowed two earned runs on 5 hits and 6 walks, while striking out 14.

Qualifying for nationals this summer

ZC fishing duo earns fourth place finish in recent bass tournament

Well, as Avery Padgett said, he and his partner, Ethan Young, accomplished what they set out to do this season. On Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, the fishing duo punched their ticket to the BASSMASTER High School National Championship Tournament this summer.

Along with the hardware Padgett/Young brought home, they received \$500 each, not a bad reward for doing what one loves.

The dates and location for the national championship tournament have not been announced. There will be two more open tournaments before the final roster for the national is determined. There will be an open on Lake Chickamauga, Tennessee, and Tiger River, Louisiana. These two tournaments will give more anglers an opportunity to qualify for nationals.

By comparing the stats, it shows how close the winners were. Second place weighed in 15.8 pounds;

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Statistics by GAMECHANGER

BASEBALL – VARSITY

New Brockton 16 Kinston 3

The New Brockton Gamecocks spotted Kinston an early 2-0 lead and then came soaring back to claw the Bulldogs 16-3. Colton McCleary had 2 hits, scored 2 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Dawson Peacock and Gabe Herrington both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Kyle GaVette added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Tripp Hawthorne had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Bulldogs, while Cale Sumblin added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Red Level 16 Kinston 4

The Kinston Bulldogs watched an early 4-2 lead evaporate late in a 16-4 loss to Red Level. Cade Jones had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Owen Patterson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Connor Tew added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Tripp Hawthorne added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Carroll 7 New Brockton 1

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 7-0 in the fifth inning and never recovered in a 7-1 loss to Carroll. Riley Simmons had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Payton Green added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Blake Peterson added 1 hit. Three New Brockton pitchers combined to toss six innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits and three walks, while striking out nine.

Zion Chapel 3 Charles Henderson 2

The Zion Chapel Rebels rallied from a 2-0 fourth inning deficit to surprise Charles Henderson 3-2. Mason Stuart had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Rebels, while Wes Braisted and Austin Jordan both added 1 hit. Austin Jordan and John Foster Hamm combined to pitch a complete game two-hitter with five strikeouts.

New Brockton 22 Daleville 6

The New Brockton Gamecocks combined 8 hits with 13 walks to coast past Daleville 22-6. Kyle GaVette had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Dawson Peacock added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Colton McCleary and Hayden Pope both added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; and, Blake Peterson added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Kyle GaVette and Hunter White combined to pitch three innings and allowed six earned runs on one hit and five walks.

New Brockton 17 Daleville 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored runs in bunches in a 17-2, three inning win over Daleville. Jackson Lawson had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Josh Gutierrez added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Dawson Peacock, Gabe Herrington, Colton McCleary and Payton Green all added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Hunter Bedsole was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings, allowed no earned runs and struck out five.

Carroll 13 Zion Chapel 2

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 5-0 in the third inning and never recovered in a 13-2 loss to Carroll. Brodie Stinson, Mason Stuart, John Foster Hamm and Kavan Brown all had 1 hit to lead the Rebels, while Morgan Sanders scored 2 runs. Three Rebel pitchers combined to toss seven innings and allowed 10 earned runs on 12 hits and seven walks, while recording six strikeouts.

Pike Liberal Arts 12 Zion Chapel 0

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled throughout the game, only to see an 8-run fourth inning end any comeback hopes in a 12-0 loss to Pike Liberal Arts. Wes Braisted, Brady Flowers and Kavan Brown all had 1 hit to lead the Rebels, while two Rebel pitchers combined to toss four innings and allowed nine earned runs on seven hits and six walks.

Geneva 5 New Brockton 1

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 1-0 fourth inning lead evaporate late in a 5-1 loss to Geneva. Payton Green and Jaxon Whitworth both had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Blake Peterson added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Three Gamecocks combined to pitch six innings and allowed one earned run on six hits and three walks, while recording six strikeouts.

Luverne 9 Brantley 5

The Brantley Bulldogs saw a 5-4 fifth inning lead slip away in a 9-5 loss to Luverne. Jon Bush had 2 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Bulldogs, while Kaleb Weed added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Cooper Layton and Jayden Parks both added 1 hit.

BASEBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY

Carroll 13 New Brockton 3

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw an early 3-2 lead vanish in a 13-3 loss to Carroll. Robert Boutwell and Landin Norris both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Gavin Hand and Kylen Radcliffe added 1 hit, apiece.

Kinston 13 Red Level 0

The Kinston Bulldogs made it look easy in a 13-0 romp over Red Level. Jon Simmons had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Judd Green added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's, and Ty Lashley added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Judd Green pitched a four-inning one-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts.

Geneva 3 New Brockton 1

The New Brockton Gamecocks were tied at 1-1 in the third inning, but couldn't hold on late and dropped a 3-1 decision to Geneva. William Adkison had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Gavin Hand added 1 hit. Three Gamecocks combined to pitch four innings and allowed two earned runs on two hits and three walks, while striking out three.

Luverne 13 Brantley 10

The Brantley Bulldogs saw an early 10-2 lead vanish in a 13-10 loss to Luverne. Chaz Branum had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Kevin Freeman added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi, and Reese Odom added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

Brantley 13 Highland Home 4

The Brantley Bulldogs rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to clobber Highland Home 13-4. Reese Odom had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Bulldogs, while Chaz Branum added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Jackson Mitchell added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Kevin Freeman and Hank Johnson both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

Straughn 12 Brantley 2

The Brantley Bulldogs trailed only 3-2 after three innings, but failed to find their way back to the plate in a 12-2 loss to Straughn. Colton Searcy had 2 hits to lead the Bulldogs, while Chaz Branum and Geyson Goodwin both added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

Ariton 11 Brantley 2

The Brantley Bulldogs never led in an 11-2 loss to Ariton. Asa Blackmon had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead

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the Bulldogs, while Chaz Branum added 1 hit.

SOFTBALL – VARSITY

Kinston 4 Pike Liberal Arts 3

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pushed across the winning run in their final at-bat in a 4-3 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Cadence Elmore had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Camdyn Norris added 2 hits and 2 rbi's and Lilli Sumblin added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Lilli Sumblin and Lauren Norris combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on seven hits, while striking out seven.

Zion Chapel 17 New Brockton 4

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels led all the way in a 17-4 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Kaylee Hodges had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Amber Kidd added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; Sydney Boothe added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Riley Bannin added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Emily Rhodes added 2 hits and scored 4 runs. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as she tossed a five-inning three-hitter with eight strikeouts.

Kinston 17 New Brockton 4

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Carroll 5 Pratville 2

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels stranded the tying run on third base in the bottom of the seventh inning in a 3-2 loss to Ariton. Emily Rhodes had 4 hits to lead the Lady Rebels, while Madison Meeks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Kaylee Hodges had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Amber Kidd added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Aubrey Bryant added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sydney Boothe was the hard luck loser in the circle as she pitched five innings and allowed one earned run on six hits, while striking out eight.

Brantley 9 Benjamin Russell 8

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a seven-run lead vanish late, but scored a run in their final at-bat to post an exciting 9-8 win over Benjamin Russell. AC Free had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. AC Free and Kaylee Navarre combined to pitch six innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits and six walks, while recording eight strikeouts.

Wetumpka 14 Brantley 0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs ran out of gas in their third game of the day in a 14-0 loss to Wetumpka. Kaylee Navarre had the only hit for the Lady Bulldogs, while Navarre and AC Free combined to pitch five innings and allowed 13 earned runs on 11 hits and 11 walks.

SOFTBALL – JUNIOR VARSITY

Geneva 12 Kinston 0

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs managed only two hits in a 12-0 loss to Geneva. Taylor McKinney and Aubrie Brown both had 1 hit for the Lady Bulldogs.

Zion Chapel 17 New Brockton 0

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels jumped out to a 12-0 first inning lead and never looked back in a 17-0 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Mackenzie Warren had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Rebels, while Ashley McKenzie added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; Caroline Jordan added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Paitlyn Davis added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Caroline Jordan was the winning pitcher as she tossed a two-inning one-hitter with four strikeouts. Reese Danford had the lone Lady Gamecock hit.

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Elba JV Tigers still hunting a win

Statistics by GAMECHANGER

New Brockton 10 Elba 2

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored 8 runs in the first inning to take command and never looked back to post a 10-2 win over the Elba Tigers. Easton McElroy had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Shea Wambles added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Madison Meeks added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Aubrey Bryant added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Kylen Radcliffe added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Griffin Wood added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Colton Cain was the winning pitcher as he tossed five innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, while recording seven strikeouts.

New Brockton 11 Elba 7

The Elba Tigers saw a six-run rally in the final inning fall short in an 11-7 loss to the New Brockton Gamecocks. Ky'Avian Stoudemire and Skylar Mitchell both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, while Easton McElroy added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and, Jaden Baker added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Colton Cain had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Colton Starling added 2 hits and 1 rbi and David Peacock added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Kylen Radcliffe added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Griffin Wood added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Colton Cain was the winning pitcher as he tossed five innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, while recording seven strikeouts.

Geneva County 25 Elba 2

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought continue with a 25-2 loss to Geneva County. Levi Martin had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Tigers, while Ky'Avian Stoudemire scored 1 run. Three Elba pitchers allowed two earned runs on 14 hits and 10 walks.

Zion Chapel 17 Elba 4

The Elba Tigers fell behind 6-0 in the third inning and saw a late rally fall short in a 17-4 loss to the Zion Chapel Rebels. Skylar Mitchell had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Tigers, while Jaden Baker, Dywys Reynolds, and Ky'Avian Stoudemire all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jaden Baker and Cole Shehee combined to pitch four innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits and five walks, while recording six strikeouts. Trent Elrod had 2 hits to lead the Rebels, while Gunner Jacob added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Brayden Benbow added 1 hit and had 1 rbi. Dylan Davis and David Pynes combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits and three walks, while striking out five.

Zion Chapel 10 Elba 0

The Elba Tigers failed to find their way to the plate in a 10-0 loss to the Zion Chapel Rebels. Levi Martin and Skylar Mitchell both drew walks to reach base, while Powell Bane and Dywys Reynolds both reached base after being hit by a pitch as the Tigers failed to record a hit. Brayden Benbow and Macon Allen both had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Grady Hamilton added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had

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Further, Grimes said Gilmore challenges his students daily, and that is something that administrators love to see from their teachers.

"Our students really respond to the challenges Coach Gilmore gives them in his classroom, and that is what teaching is all about," Grimes said.

"Gilmore said his teaching philosophy is simple.

"My students must be able to read and research information on their own and put that information into sentence or essay form," he said. "Most importantly, they must be able to answer the question 'Why?'. They may have any point of view they choose, but if they cannot explain 'why' they believe the way they do, then their explanation has no real value."

Gilmore will now be in competition for the national DAR title of Outstanding Teacher of American History.

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In the Matter of the Estate of

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Case No.: PC-2023-009

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TO: Kala R. Hudson

Notice is hereby given that on this the 21st day of February, 2023 came **Keith R. Hudson**, as Executor of the Estate of **Robbie Ruth Hudson**, deceased, and filed his petition for probate of a certain writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of **Robbie Ruth Hudson**, deceased, and appointed as the day for the hearing of the said Petition

CASE NO.: PC-2023-012

NOTICE TO FILE
CLAIMSLetters Testamentary on the Estate of **JUDITH N. REEVES**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 28th day of February, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred./s/ **Toby Dean Reeves**

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CHURCH & LOCAL NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor

Elba First Baptist Church

Our children were so quick to complete all things necessary for bed one night that my wife rewarded them with an hour of TV-time before bed. Our four-year-old was so excited to learn that an hour was 60 minutes; 60 of anything is A LOT according to her.

This started a series of thoughts in my mind. One hour passes too quickly on our lunch break from work, but time seems to stand still when we are waiting to be seated at a restaurant.

We know time is a nonrenewable resource, but unlike other resources, we have no way of knowing how much time we have remaining. The psalmist writes, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Ps 90:12). Not only is our lives on earth temporary, time itself is temporary. There will be no clocks in eternity; thus, we must live in view of the brevity of life seeking God's wisdom that we make the most of our time.

Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:15-16, "look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." If you have ever taken a vacation, you likely spent weeks planning out the details because you recognized that you would only have so much time to enjoy everything. We go with intentions and a plan to make the most of each day. Why are we living our life as if we have all the time in the world to fulfill God's will for our lives.

The following lyrics are from the popular musical "Hamilton". *How do you write like you're running out of time. Every day you fight like you're, running out time. Are you running out time? How do you write like tomorrow won't arrive? How do you write like you need it to survive? How do you write every second you're alive?* Perhaps we should heed Jesus' warning from the parable in Luke 19. Perhaps we should live like we are running out of time.

If you knew that today would be your last, what would you do differently? Tomorrow isn't promised.

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Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

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Sunday School...9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

Even. Service...6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery Trust Fund meeting set for Saturday, March 18th

Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church announces a meeting Saturday, March 18, regarding the Church Cemetery Trust Fund at

Spring revival services planned at Woodland Grove Baptist Church

Woodland Grove Baptist Church will hold Spring Revival services beginning Sunday morning, March 19, and concluding Tuesday evening, March 21.

Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Bro. Kenneth Chancellor, retired pastor, will speak. Sunday evening, at 6 p.m., the speaker will be Bro. Dustin Wisecarver, pastor of Wise Mill Assembly of

RWCC meeting set for March 15th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, March 15, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club. The guest speaker will be Terry Lathan, director of "Republicans on a Mission" or ROAM, which is a movement to pass school choice in Alabama.

Lathan is coordinating with Alabama citizens who want to change the course of educational history and let the money spent on each student follow the child. She will be discussing how

Social time begins at 11 am; optional \$12 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 12 noon. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Contact Shannon to RSVP at 334-494-2753 or rwcreservations@gmail.com.

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Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Scripture: The safety of the faithful [Psalm 4: 1-8]

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Shai Nelson 3/27

Myra Nicole Duncan 3/28

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Grover Jerald Belcher 3/28

(in memory)

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Betty Reffegge 3/29

Shanika Pruitt 3/29

Tracey Woods 3/30

Carter Johnson 3/31

The English Chinese Man

In 1853, at the age of 21, Hudson Taylor became a missionary to China. Believing that other missionaries spent too much time with Europeans and did not relate well with the Chinese people, Taylor began to dress in Chinese clothes and grew a long ponytail in imitation of Chinese men. His fellow missionaries disdained his attempts, but he maintained a good rapport with the Chinese people he loved so much.

At that time, foreigners were permitted to live only in coastal cities. Taylor believed that all the Chinese needed to know about Jesus, so he began a movement to send missionaries inland, to more remote and dangerous regions. Despite criticism, he continued to recruit people for the work of his mission organization, China Inland Mission

Thought to Remember

Seek God while He can be found

Questions for the Week of 3/16/23

True or False – Use Your Concordance

Q: The Apostles believed the women's report about the empty tomb.

Q: At least some residents of heaven will play a harp.

Q: Jesus cooked breakfast for the disciples.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Sunday School...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

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FRIDAY EVENING

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Phillip Adeock, Pastor

Sunday Morning...8:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School...9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Study...7:00 p.m.

NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday Morning...9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.

Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday Morning...8:45 a.m.

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LIFESTYLES

Contestant meetings set for Sunday, March 19, for 2023 Miss New Brockton Pageants

The New Brockton Pageant Committee announces the 2023 Miss New Brockton Pageants will be held Saturday, April 22, with Baby, Toddler, Tiny, Petite, Young, and Teen Miss competitions held at 2 p.m. The Future, Little, Junior, and Miss competitions will be at 6 p.m.

Petite (2nd and 3rd grades); Young (4th & 5th grades); Teen (6th and 7th Grades)

• 2 p.m. - Petite, Young and Teen Miss - Entry Fee \$85. These divisions are OPEN to anyone that would like to participate. Entry fee includes interview, pageant entry and photogenic (2 photos of choice)

• 3 p.m. - Future and Little Miss - Entry fee \$85. Future Miss is OPEN to anyone & Little Miss is closed to only 1st graders at New Brockton Elementary. Entry fee includes interview, pageant entry and photogenic (2 photos of choice) and written for Little miss only.

• 4 p.m. - Future (4 & 5 year olds) and 6 year olds in kindergarten); Little Miss (1st grade at NBES)

• 3 p.m. - Junior and Miss - Entry fee \$85 - Junior OPEN to all participants - Miss closed. Entry fee includes interview, pageant entry and photogenic (2 photos of choice) and written for Miss only.

Junior Miss (8th - 10th grade) is OPEN; Miss is closed to those attending NB High School (11th-12th grades) or have a NB address (up to age 21)

• 3:30 p.m. - We will have a 2022 Queen Meeting

Contact: Angi Oakes, 334-470-0458, nbpageant2020@gmail.com

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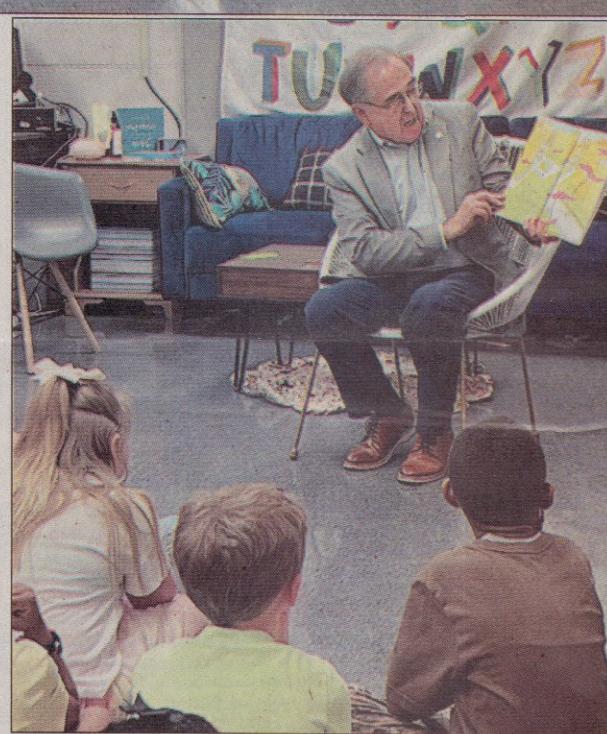
Baby Miss (0-15 months); Toddler Miss (16 to 23 months) Tiny Miss (2 and 3 months).



ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 had a special called meeting Saturday, March 4, to raise Brother Charles Randal "Randy" Hawthorne and Brother Joshua Dewayne Carnley to Master Mason. After the work and fellowship everyone enjoyed a meal of smoked chicken, rice, baked beans, slaw, green beans, and several casseroles. There were several desserts served, and a good time was had by all. Those pictured above include: (front, l to r) Billy Wilkerson, Robbie Wehnt, Glen Mothershead, Travis Difore, Larry Shaw, Joe Daugherty, Randy Hawthorne, Joshua Carnley, John Hall III, J. Hall, Ronnie Rawls, and Jack Caradine; (second row, l to r) Mike Amison, Rick Brannon, Sam Thower, Jerome Blackmon, Joe Watson, Joe Cather, Robert O'Connell, Allan Crenshaw, Mike Murphy, Blake Austin, and Larry Smith; (third row, l to r) Matt Brunson Sr., Michael Phelps, Brian Smith, Joel Moore, Drexell Richards, Robert Britt, Stephen Sharpe, Allen Brackin, Justin Prescott, and Alan Boothe; and (back, l to r) John Ships, Howard Oliver, Tommy Morrow, Drew Barnett, Wendell Black, Derrick Cain, Bill Stocke, and Gene Nelson.



MAYOR READS TO FIRST GRADERS AT ELBA ELEMENTARY DURING "READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK"...The first grade classes at Elba Elementary School were honored to have Mayor Tom Maddox as a guest reader for 'Read Across America Week', which celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday! Mayor Maddox read "Oh the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss to the first graders (as shown in the photo to the right). Above, the mayor and students pose for a group picture. Elba Elementary School celebrated the week with dress up days, special meals, guest readers, and more!



"Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets Monday nights at the Rabbit Hole in Elba, Ala.

The "Happy Days Ahead" Mental Health Peer Support Group meets every Monday night at the Rabbit Hole, 218 Factory Ave., Elba, beginning at 6 p.m.

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Snack at the food trucks!

Organizer:
Marley Acre Farms - Carrie & Jamie Whitworth

Participants:
Photography - Caitlin Chappell Photography
Food truck - Burgers & Things